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SUBJECT: WILSON REPLY TO SADAT ON GENEVA CONFERENCE,
AND FRENCH ATTITUDE

REF: LONDON 5058 (NOTAL)

1. FCO HAS DRAFTED WILSON REPLY TO SADAT LETTER ON
GENEVA TALKS. IT IS AWAITING WILSON'S SIGNATURE. FCO
ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY WEIR TOLD US APRIL 9 THAT REPLY
EXPRESSES BRITISH READINESS TO BE HELPFUL IN SEARCH FOR
MIDDLE EASTERN PEACE BUT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION UK
PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE--SINCE SADAT'S LETTER
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DID NOT MENTION IT EITHER.

2. WEIR ASSURED US THAT BRITISH DO NOT CURRENTLY PLAN ANY REPLY TO FAHMY SUGGESTION THAT UK AND FRANCE PARTICIPATE, EVEN THOUGH FAHMY HAD ASKED FOR ONE. HOWEVER, FRENCH EMBASSY, ON INSTRUCTIONS, CONSULTED WEIR APRIL 8. FRENCH INDICATED MORE POSITIVE INTEREST IN GENEVA PARTICIPATION THAN BRITISH FEEL. WEIR TOLD FRENCH THAT BRITISH SEE NO POINT IN REPLYING ON THAT POINT AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THEY HAVE LEARNED RESULTS OF US ME POLICY REASSESSMENT.

3. COMMENT: SOME SLIPPAGE IN CURRENT BRITISH POSITION IS POSSIBLE IF FRENCH APPLY PRESSURE. BRITISH ARE UNLIKELY TO DO ANYTHING DEFINITIVE, HOWEVER, UNTIL THEY HAVE AT LEAST CONSULTED FURTHER WITH USG. THEY UNDERSTAND US POLICY REASSESSMENT MAY TAKE ANOTHER COUPLE OF WEEKS.

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